

REMARKS

Rotate vs Oscillate

The Examiner requested clarification of the terminologies “rotate” versus “oscillate” in the specification. The Examiner is correct that the first brush head 122 and second brush head 124 as shown in the drawings do not continuously rotate in a 360-degree fashion. Instead, these brush heads 122 and 124 oscillatorily rotate. Paragraphs [0051] – [0053] of the specification are amended to clarify the “oscillatory rotation” of brush heads 122 and 124. However, it is anticipated that the brush heads 122 and 124 may be continuously rotated or the first brush head 122 may continuously rotate while the second brush head 124 oscillates.

Suggested Claim Amendments

As suggested by the Examiner, claim 1, line 4 and claim 12, line 4, are amended to replace “an” with a “a.”

As suggested by the Examiner, claims 15 and 20 are amended to clarify that the “toothbrush motor” is not intended to be positively claimed.

New Claims

New claims 25-34 are added to clarify the scope of the present invention.

Additional Specification Amendments

Paragraphs [0031] and [0057] are amended to include description for Figs. 15A and 15B, the latter of which is a new figure added to clarify original Fig. 15 (now Fig. 15A).

Paragraph [0035] is amended to include a description that appears in the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,349,442.

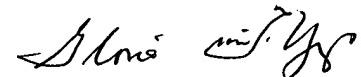
Drawing Amendments

Replacement drawing Sheets 4 and 8 are submitted to clarify the present invention. In particular, the enclosed Fig. 6 is identical to originally filed Fig. 6, but sets the components further apart. The enclosed Fig. 15A is identical to originally filed Fig. 15, but includes a directional arrow A for illustrating the elliptical pattern. The enclosed new Fig. 15B is a top view of Fig. 15A, further clarifying Fig. 15A.

Conclusion

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the claims are allowable over the prior art. By virtue of the amendment of the claims, specification and drawings, as well as the Applicants' remarks thereto, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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